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## Guard is now 350 years old

The cold, still air on the Capitol grounds was broken Saturday morning by the sound of cannon fire, tanks, marching soldiers, and helicopters as the Kentucky National Guard celebrated its 350th birthday and Homecoming.

The celebration, which included Carlisle's Company D, 201st Engineer Battalion, began with a parade which included not only equipment, but soldiers and officers from every National Guard unit across the state.

The 201st Army Band, from Frankfurt, led the military procession up Capitol Avenue just the reverse end where city, state and military dignitaries stood.

Featured in the parade were some of the Army's latest and most sophisticated land and air equipment. As flights of the new Blackhawk assault helicopters passed overhead, tanks, mobile Howitzers, personnel carriers and a variety of other ground vehicles rumbled through the streets below.

Adjutant General Betty G. Williams welcomed the spectators before introducing the celebration's guest speaker, U.S. Representative Larry Hopkins.

Representative Hopkins' speech lauded the important role the Guard has played serving our nation in time of conflict and the assistance provided to local communities in time of disaster.

"As Americans, we should never be afraid to stand and salute our flag or to serve our nation as a member of the National Guard," Hopkins said.

On behalf of the President and the Secretary of the Army, Williams presented the Bronze Star to Sgt. Floyd Smith of Frankfurt.

Smith received the award for meritorious service while serving in the Philippines during World War II. He was captured May 6, 1942 and participated in the Bataan Death March.

Also recognized were Edward Weiss, 82, and John J. Effinger, 90, both from Louisville for military service in World War I. Weiss served in France with the 118th Central Postal Directory while Effinger served in the U.S. Cavalry at Ft. Riley, KS.

In addition to the military equipment, which was on display, a Military Museum Van, a National Guard museum gallery and medical treatment facilities were available for tours.



Sixth Kentucky District Representative U.S. House of Representatives, Larry Hopkins, spoke Saturday gathered on the steps of the Capitol in Frankfort. The celebration was to mark the 350th birthday of the National Guard.

## WANTED: Toys for needy

By Hank Bond  
Of The Mercury Staff

Richard Gardner, Mark Hughes, and Steve Cartmager, are getting ready to share their Christmas, again this year.

For the fourth straight year, this trio will be gathering toy, monetary donations, food and clothing for the needy of Nicholas County. The beautiful gifts will be spread among the needy Christmas Eve.

There will be three collection points this year, including Gardner's Furniture, Wood's Auto Repair, and the Nicholas County Fire Department.

"In the past years, while the donations have been very appreciated, one of the problems we have had has been that many of the donations have been coming in during the last week of the collection," Gardner

said. "We have to have the needed time to divide up the toys, clothing and food, and to put away the necessary items before we begin distributing on Christmas Eve."

Gardner said it takes between six and eight hours just to sort the toys.

"The people of the county and beyond have really opened up their hearts to help us with this project," he continued. "Carol Kalkbrenner, Valorie Hartman and Tracie Bragg have all been supporters of the project in the past."

"We normally contact the organizations in the county, which would have knowledge of the families needing the most, and try to work with those leads in writing up what we're going to break out and how we're going to distribute the toys and other things," he added.

"We also encourage these families living here, will need assistance in

the Christmas season, which is extended on into the next year, to call on us and we try to accommodate the families, which are the need in need."

The trio looked up while attending a community Lent's High meetings. After taking a look at the need in the county, the three men decided to do something, about helping.

"Last year we were fortunate enough to help nearly 40 families, and that's something we're very happy about. But it's because of the way people have opened up their hearts to us that has made all of this possible," Gardner said.

Gardner is an auto repairman working at Wood's Auto Repair, which is owned by Hughes. Hughes is also the chief of the Nicholas County Fire Department. Cartmager works in Maxwell.

## Parade to begin yule season

The "Spirit of Christmas" will spread through Carlisle, beginning December 6, with the annual Christmas parade.

The parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. and is sponsored this year by the Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce.

WLEX-TV weatherman, Brian Collins, along with his new sidekick Snowbird, will serve as grand marshal of the parade.

Snowbird, a penguin, will be joining the WLEX-TV weather crew to bring the latest news throughout the day on winter school closings and road conditions in central Kentucky.

Snowbird has been shown up at WLEX also, he has a job back. Myron the Mail, who usually in some sort of trouble. In addition, Tracy Lary, the chief of the Nicholas County Fire Department. Cartmager works in Maxwell.

## Home health nurses retire in December

By Hank Bond  
Of The Mercury Staff

December of 1986 will mark the retirement of two Nicholas County ladies, who have become extra special to many in the county.

Home health nurses for the WEXCO Health District, RN Eileen Herwood and aide Betty Moss, will retire in December.

Herwood, along with her husband, will be moving to Florida. Moss, a longtime resident of Nicholas County, will continue to live here.

Each week, these ladies help serve the medical needs of home restricted patients within Nicholas County. And, while WEXCO has served the needs of Nicholas County, last year, Kentucky health department home health agencies cared for more than 11,000 patients and provided in excess of 200,000 health services, making it the single largest provider of home health services in the state.

The 29 agencies provide a wide range of services in 67 counties. Jane Matsumura, its director of home health for WEXCO, and she says the agency's services are beneficial to the people of every county WEXCO serves, including Nicholas.

In addition to normal home health care, we also offer speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy," Matsumura said.

"This aids three people to the best living, Nicholas County. All three are certified and qualified to work in their respective areas."

Home health does not receive federal or state funds for operation, but operates with payments through private pay, Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance. However, ability to pay doesn't affect service.

"We do have a certain amount of indigent care," Matsumura said. "The ability to pay does not effect our service. We will see patients based strictly on need of care."

The past few years have seen tremendous growth in the number of home health agencies in Kentucky and across the country," said Neena Austin, home health care manager at the Kentucky Department for Health Services.

"Most people think home health agencies are in terms of providing services that can keep an elderly person at

home and out of an institution," she said. "While this type of service is very important, home health agencies offer more."

Matsumura echoed Austin's statements.

"A lot of things can be done at home, which are less expensive and which also allow the patient to stay at home."

"Nicholas County has a fine nest home, which is highly thought of, and offers excellent care, but home health allows some patients to stay home. Some people like the comfort of being able to stay home, when it is possible."

"Others, though, must stay out home facilities."

Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins has declared the week of November 30 through December 5 as Home Health Week in Kentucky, and the Department for Health Services wants Kentuckians to know what services are available to them through health departments agencies.

Some patients require a registered nurse, such as Herwood, to perform skilled care and monitor conditions. Other patients need types of therapy, also available. Many patients require two or more of these kinds of assistance, on a regular basis.

"Visits may range from 30 minutes to a couple hours at a time. Some weeks a home health aide, such as Moss, might visit a patient every day, and some weeks only a couple days."

"When a physician refers a patient to a home health agency, a nurse meets with the patient to assess the patient's condition and needs," said Austin.

"The nurse confers regularly with the doctor so that the proper care is maintained."

Another benefit to the overall program is the health department's home health agencies can coordinate other Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources' programs and community-based services for their patients.

"We feel strongly that patients receive all the support and assistance that is available to them," Austin said. "There are many things offered by community groups, and we try to make our patients aware of these programs and help them access them."

All types of home health agencies across the state are providing invaluable assistance to Kentuckians."

## Picking up fall

While the leaves of the fall season continue to gather on the ground, Robert Crump (right) and Jack White (left) of Crump's Sanitation, pickup leaves in front of The Mervin office on West Street. The dog, a regular local fixture, makes the rounds daily with the Crump truck.

## Schools honored for progress

People representing 200 schools across Kentucky, including Robert McGuffey and Julie Hamilton of Nicholas County, traveled to Lexington, November 12 to celebrate what Kentucky State Superintendent of Public Instruction Blair McDaniel called a "triumph of excellence in Kentucky's public schools."

Nicholas County School Superintendent Donald Elder was honored as school system had made the necessary advances to receive an award.

"I am very proud that education in our county is being recognized from

the state level.

"Our instructional staff deserves the recognition for its excellence, enthusiasm, and concern for the progress of the students."

They have demonstrated that such expectations come both high achievers. Elder said.

Nicholas County High School and Nicholas County Elementary School received Flags of Progress during the award ceremony.

In receiving the Flag of Progress, Nicholas County's dropout rate declined from 2.2 percent to 1.9 percent, while the state average in this

area is 4.6 percent.

In the attendance area, overall attendance increased from 94 percent to 95.3 percent, while the state average is 94.9 percent.

The system showed the greatest improvement in the test scores area. In grade three the scores improved from 87.9 to 126, an increase of 47.5 percent.

In grade five, the improvement was from 24.3 to 28.4, an increase of 16.8 percent.

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The Flags of Progress program is sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Educational Foundation, Inc., a private organization providing support for educational reform in Kentucky.

U.S. Senator Wendell Ford addressed the people, parents and superintendents, at the award ceremony. Ford also assisted McDaniel in the presentation of flags to the honorees.

Fuller, Congressional District Representative Harold Hines, also assisted in handing out the flags.

Excellence is the result of leadership and hard work by superintendents and faculty members, by principals and teachers, and by parents as well as students," McDaniel said.



Betty Lee Moss, a home health nurse for nearly 20 years, and Eileen Herwood, a nurse with WLEXCO Health District for five years, will both be retiring in December. Both have been serving Nicholas County, Herwood, who has been in nursing 16 years, and her husband Rex, Ronald Herwood, will move to Florida, while Moss, and her husband, Clarence Moss, who works for the county, will remain in Nicholas County. —Bond/Staff



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